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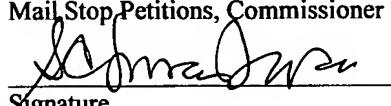
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RESPONSE COVER

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Re: Office Action of July 20, 2009

Sir:

This reply is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed on July 20, 2009, for the above-referenced Nonprovisional Patent Application. The Office Action communicated formal objections, rejection of all elected claims, a new ground of rejection and a Final Rejection. This response addresses the rejections.

The Applicants note with gratitude an opportunity to discuss the Office Action and explain the technological significance of the invention in a telephone interview; a summary of the interview is enclosed herewith.

This response incorporates the guidance provided by the Examiner: Many of the original composition claims are amended and reinstated, and some of the method claims presented in a previous amendment are amended and retained.

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Also, the enclosed remarks clarify and explain the central innovation of the present invention, and its technological significance.

The claim listing begins on the next page, page 3, and the remarks follow at pages 14-16.

In the case of any questions or deficiency in the compliance or fees, you are requested to kindly contact the undersigned representative.

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